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SUBJECT: KOSYGIN CANCELS MEETINGS WITH DANISH PRIME
MINISTER

1. SUMMARY: DANISH AMBASSADOR HAMMERSHAIMB CALLED THIS MORNING
SEEKING ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE EMBASSY WHICH
MIGHT EXPLAIN KOSYGIN'S CANCELLATION OF FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH
DANISH PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN. DANES ASSUME KOSYGIN HAS
DEPARTED MOSCOW. END SUMMARY.

2. HAMMERSHAIMB REPORTED THAT KOSYGIN WAS SCHEDULED
TO MEET WITH JORGENSEN THIS MORNING AT 11:30 FOLLOWING
A BRIEF MEETING BETWEEN JORGENSEN AND BREZHNEV. KOSYGIN CALLED
PERSONALLY ON THE PRIME MINISTER AT THE GOVERNMENT
GUEST HOUSE THIS MORNING TO APOLOGIZE FOR NOT BEING
ABLE TO CONDUCT ANY FURTHER TALKS WITH JORGENSEN AND
INDICATING THAT HE WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR
JORGENSEN'S DEPARTURE SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18.
THERE WAS NO INDICATION DURING CONVERSATIONS HELD

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WITH KOSYGIN LATE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AT THE KREMLIN

THAT FURTHER KOSYGIN-JORGENSEN MEETINGS WOULD BE CANCELLED. DURING YESTERDAY'S MEETING, HOWEVER, GROMYKMO WAS CALLED OUT SEVERAL TIMES WHILE KOSYGIN ABSENTED HIMSELF FOR ABOUT HALF AN HOUR DURING THE DISCUSSIONS.

3. DANES ASSUME KOSYGIN HAS LEFT THE SOVIET UNION FOR AN URGENT MISSION SOMEWHERE, BUT ARE UNCERTAIN OF REAL REASONS FOR CANCELLATION.

4. DURING THE MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER LAST NIGHT WHICH WAS HELD FROM 3 TO ABOUT 6:30 P.M., KOSYGIN DISCUSSED MIDDLE EAST ONLY BRIEFLY. HE SAID ISRAEL MUST VIE UP OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORITES. HE RECALLED THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAD SPONSORED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND CONTINUES TO SUPPORT ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE AS A STATE. KOSYGIN ADDED THAT THE SITUATION NOW IS VERY SERIOUS. THE FIGHTING IS BECOMING MORE FIERCE AND THE WAR IS ESCALATING. KOSYGIN ADDED THAT ONE NOW MUST BE VERY CAREFUL IN THE FORMULATION OF COMMENTS ON THE SITUATION AND HE ASKED THAT PRIME MINISTER NOT REPEAT TO THE PRESS ANYTHING THAT HE HAD SAID PRIVATELY REGARDING THE SITUATION SINCE EVEN A PARAPHRASE OF HIS REMARKS COULD BE MISINTERPRETED.

5. JORGENSEN'S SCHEDULED MEETING WITH BREZHNEV THIS MORNING AT 11 A.M. (OCTOBER 16) HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO 4 P.M. THIS AFTERNOON.

6. JORGENSEN IS OBVIOUSLY CONCERNED THAT SOMETHING SERIOUS MAY BE GOING ON OF WHICH HE IS UNAWARE AND WHICH MIGHT DEMAND HIS PRESENCE IN COPENHAGEN. ANYTHING USEFUL THAT THE EMBASSY COULD PASS ON TO THE DANISH AMBASSADOR FOR THE PRIME MINISTER I AM SURE WOULD BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.
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